

GOLD-SILVER-BRONZE BRIEFING MEETING: 2022 CONVOY PROTESTS

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GC: Site update. Overnight was quiet. CP10 quite active early in the evening. Lots of folks pressuring containment positions trying to come down and join families at saloon where the main persons responsible for the blockades remain. CP10 has turned into a protest area opposed to checkpoint. We remain in same footing, they are conducting an illegal protest on the highway at CP10. Main objective for today is to maintain that protest. Have a pretty good handle on what we're going to do at CP10 depends on volume and how many people are planning on attending. Southern access to Milk River, that's likely point of no return for where we're attempting to put up another checkstop. Want to give option to turn around, and educate on how the protest is going. Overall silver objective is to keep one lane open. If we are successful in being able to allow vehicles through Coutts, will see that as a good day. Facilitating a peaceful demonstration, we're well resourced to do that. Anywhere from 200 civilian vehicles to 40 misc. vehicle 50 commercials (semis) trying to set up a system where a sheriff can be as CP10A (milk river access) be able to better ID commercial traffic and make plans to be able to turn vehicle around. All volume based. Too many people milling about and can't keep the loop open, we will make that call before milk river. Anticipate disruptions to the border, strategy have a marked PC and ambulance to keep doing the loop. Volume at CP10 will affect commercial vehicle traffic today. Site is CCMG focussed. Continuing to try to educate and help push towards changing their posture down at Coutts.

TD: CP10 is blocked?

GC: that's the southern part of the protest line. That's the main checkpoint. Adding this morning more northern presence to do a better job managing traffic flow in case we get more traffic flow. Those are the mitigation strategies

TD: Site still remains cooperative? No attempts to block traffic

GC: CCMG think we have positive control at this point. (indecipherable) Perso wants them to come down, and that's why were' trying to get CCMG engaged with this morning to set some injects and ground rules with how we want to see that go. Those are just starting this morning.

SK: How many vehicles at main site? Is the border open? Any backlogs at the port?

GC: both ports are reporting usual operations. Can't speak to volume, trucks are going in and out. Just put through a, one of the test the wider loads, piloting a windmill turbine through CP10. And it is 270ft long. It's working, we're trying to get a fresh site count. They reposition from time to time depending on fuel and service needs. Working on getting an updated count.

SK: Any more questions?

GC: Business rules sent over by Mike Klassen, hoping to get logistics assistance for evidence and disclosure.

AH: We did see that and was going to be passed to you guys (indecipherable) we have questions for south. We will disseminate that on JI going forward. Sothern AB people who have been involved and we might have missed. Will deal with later off line.

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- GC: working on it on their end. If it goes out with JI we will be well positioned.
- CZ: Del Bonita port is closed on weekends, potential to have that open. CBSA is monitoring traffic, if there is any closure at Coutts main site, they are in a position to staff that port on both sides. That port is not conducive to truck traffic. Not sure if we have passenger vehicle traffic lined up through the course of the day. They can more readily take that type of traffic. In a dire situation they can get trucks through. Keep that in mind as we go.
- TD: they're reluctant do to that unless its' completely closed?
- CZ: might be less resistant today than they have been in the past. Leave to Trevor to make assessment if needed. Something they don't want to advertise publicly because it's not conducive to the larger units.
- AH: (indecipherable) Does he have the ability to pull the trigger? If it does come to the point that we want De Bonita happen, does he have to call Curtis? Or can he call someone to make that happen?
- CZ: Will pass number to Trevor.
- IS: Monitoring Brooks blockade potential. There's going to be some issues on highway 3 around Fort McLeod. Aaron from investigative standpoint moving forward with their work. They're ready to support silver on site in case of strategic arrests. Hand that over Tuesday or Wednesday.
- TD: Brooks – they've tied themselves to Coutts their actions will be tied to what happens at Coutts and the meeting with the MLA if there is a meeting. Will do a slow roll unless the meeting doesn't go well then they'll block the highway.
- CZ: Call later with GOA this morning, anything to ask? Meeting with MLA? Local MLA's not cabinet ministers?
- TD: check if that meeting is in fact going to happen. If it's not we can prepare for what they're threatening to do. Believe its local MLA's meeting at Coutts.
- CZ: Will do.
- BT: Provide clarification on Del Bonita. CBSA is not resisting to opening it. Prep to be opened today and tomorrow. USA had diff perspective, shared gate manned by USA. Decision was to stand down for the weekend but will open it up if need too. Trigger is Sweetgrass/Coutts closes then we'll open. If it has to be open from RCMP objective the primary point of challenge would be USA position on that matter
- TD: s.38
- BT:
- TD: timeframe to open that?
- BT: an hour.

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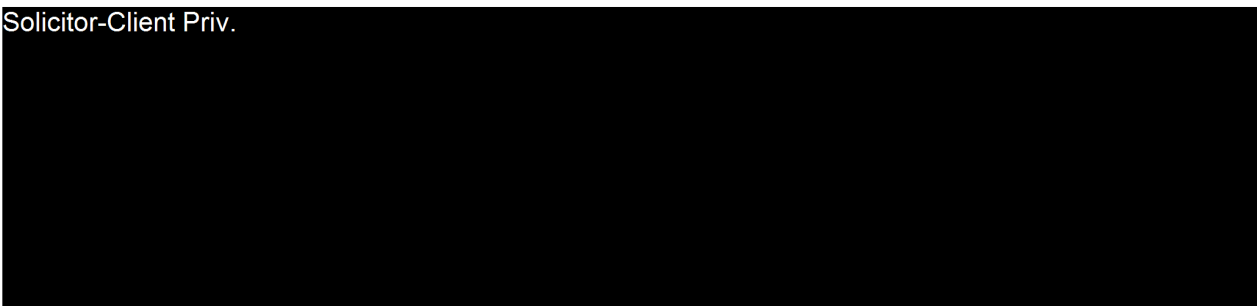
GC: Silver is tied in well with CBSA and CPP that's the conversations that our team is hearing it's helpful. Working to maintain status quo at Coutts. We're well connected to our partners there to make a (indecipherable) decision. MLA for area is coming to visit with mayor today and wanted to come over and visit with CP10 and whoever is in charge. We don't see that as being a pressure point. An MP announced himself this morning he's here with the Mayor Foremost. The MP activity at site is coming from CCMG contacts are going to get the MP and suspect that may be something we deal with at CP10. Media is (indecipherable) it's a positive pro police check on the mayor and made comments on who he supports and who he doesn't. Positive contact however we choose to play that. That's the first time that I can recall that his has involved a Federal politician. That may be positive as well. That interaction is harder for us, gain information on.

BT: The MP planning to come to the port?

GC: We think he's here with mayor Foremost. Would try to meet off site.

BT: if he's on site then we want to know that. If he wants to meet with you off site no issues.

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Leave that to politicians.

CZ: Know that GOA current cabinet does not support any negotiations including MLA meeting with protestors.

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GC: Intel we're getting it yes the MP might be somewhere outside the port right now. Outside the door of the command post. Work to resolve that.

NS: Wanted to let you know working towards engaging with the media on site at some point this morning. Supt McKale is on site, we are prepping for some sort of media presence this morning. Need to get Supt McKale on camera.

AH: More on provincial level then Coutts specific. (indecipherable) Should see message on intel shortly. Recognizing that was a province wide reference. Finished up in Coutts and site and specific then transition to rest of province discussion.

CM: got information that 400-500 freedom riders(Horses) are going to stage in Milk River 0900 Subway , then at 1015 to an unspecified parking lot. Ride into the area at noon. Load into trailers and stage down to Coutts.

TD: this is open source?

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- CM: Yes.
- GC: Milk River or Coutts?
- CM: Coming to checkstop on horses then getting in a trailer.
- GC: CCMG update- The Del Bonita might be coming sooner than later. Indications they're going to close highway 4 and CP10. Will get back as soon as we can. Trying to have a lawful area north of CP10. Important to message that. Consider the site here as an active scene there's an investigation being conducted vs the RCMP respecting section 2 and wanting to facilitate and help with peaceful and lawful assembly at CP10. Seeing pressure early.
- SK: Tact meeting at 11. Group meeting this afternoon 1300.
- CM: The maps (indecipherable) updated as soon as we can. Striving for a map out at noon, 1600 and 2000. If anything comes in between those times will fire to DEOC mailbox so we all know what's happening through the province
- TD: Tied to CPS/EPS intel and real time commands as well?
- CM: Sending updates as often as we can. Don't have anyone imbedded there.
- AH: (indecipherable) We will be asking more directly for that, its' true we don't have anyone sitting there right now.
- SR: on a call with transport Canada right now, they want to know if we have had discussions with tow trucks, advising if they don't comply with our requests we will take them off the call list
- AH: Logistics were making calls to both can and us tow trucks. Don't believe that that discussion was part of it. Tow trucks not wanting to get involved, some didn't want to touch it because of implications. Some had been threatened or they'll double whatever we were offering. Similar on the US sides, they knew we would be calling. The idea of telling them that we would no longer use them, that wasn't told to anybody.
- SR: Thanks. Overall message is very clear. Significant pressure to concede to our request to take part. At some point transport Canada wants this asked, where we can hand out fines, want to know what's been tried. Will leave up to team and CO but this is something that will have to be answered.

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- SK: Start with site updated from Supt Corbett
- KK: CP10 estimated doubled in size. We've got probably double amount of people. GD and STO to increase policing. Recent request through CCMG have had a request for fuel and food to the site. Gord's working through that. Continuing to towards unlawful to lawful. If we allow that to come through CP10 to site. Discussion to CCMG right now.
- SK: It's peaceful? Number count at main site?
- KK: 50 vehicles at checkpoint 5 (highway 500 and rr54). 50 at saloon filling fuel 28 vehicle on highway 4 NB and 24 SB lanes still flowing. Vehicle leaving CP10 driving wrong way, didn't want to be cooperative. Have a significant protest site and engage them just like anything else. People driving dangerously, open liquor ticket, arrest whatever is appropriate.
- TD: The driver's being dealt with?
- GC: They've parked him and, we're trying to figure out what his relationship is. Young members between CP5 and CP10. Protest activity is aware of the other things in play here, not wanting to tolerate too much. Enforce public order aspect at CP10. Crowd management piece. Keep an eye on driving issues as they arise. 2 in the chute for US customs, indicator is if there's truck on American side waiting to clear customs.
- TD: How is northern port of CP10 doing?
- GC: Pedestrian traffic is adding pressure. If we can escort vehicles we give convoy through. There's a significant meeting taking place at CP10 between both sides with CCMG team. We're having some good success there. Fuel is part of the discussion. Same dynamic we've had just thrown large public order event to the north. CCMG update should be in shortly
- TD: Are they satisfied with not coming through CP10? Or some still want to come through?
- GC: not a lot of asks for entry into Coutts that isn't clearly reasonable. Lot of the checkpoints are being pushed. Dealing with a lot of questions from people who think they need to Coutts. Pressure isn't the line at CP10 but the exterior containment down at site. Guys are reporting contacts they need to, no indication of masses coming to Coutts. At the point where we might see blocking activity. Back end enforcement at CP10A is curve balling.
- IS: The daily protest at Crows nest pass hasn't materialized. Slow roll yesterday. Plan for some horseback riders around Fort McLeod, 8 people showed up. They were to meet at the auction mart but it was subject to an arson last night. C/Supt Sage managing brooks 200-300 vehicles there. Traffic is moving. Intel coming that the group doesn't intend to block the highway. As the group gets bigger influencers have less control. No real hard blocks throughout the district.
- TD: Provincial update?
- SK: On phone with all the district. 2000 cars from Calgary heading south, about an hour out. 1200 vehicles parked in Acheson, moving to Edmonton sooner than latter. 125 Barhead left this morning met at Acheson. In Leduc about 500 vehicles at Flying J, they left Leduc 30 min ago into

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Minutes: Emily Skinner

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Edmonton. Small convoy throughout Fairview. Contacted with EPS intel, passed along info. Convoys passing KDIV HQ. Everything is peaceful so far so good with the convoys.

GC: Any large convoys SB?

SK: 2000 from Calgary headed north. No intel that anything is heading south towards Coutts

GC: Hobson, might be good time to review his contingencies around KDIV.

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NS: nothing from comms.

SK: Anything else?

GC: Situation here, long public order day. Lot of vehicles coming in on eastern perimeter. They are walking into Coutts. Walking in behind CP10. Surging a little bit right now. More STO at back of

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CP10 members focussing on the north. Merging of the site discussion that we weren't able to pull off due to timing. Not something that was unexpected. Just if we can manage it. Set up check stop at CP10 and agree with, make a tact decision that we have to consolidate at Coutts worse case scenario. Lots going on in the area. People walking in from the east into the investigation, friendly with the members. No militant aspect. Update form CCMG currently.

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SR: Mention of CP5? Is that a new CP? Or meant to be CP10?

GC: Highway 4 to north, almost to Milk River that's CP10. Number of external check points off of highway 4 east and west all the way back to Coutts. Tried to set up loose perimeter, minimize footprint at Coutts. CP10 was just a check stop the first stop along the way to try to filter into Coutts, turned into confrontational on Tuesday. CP10 is where we hope to transition to peaceful demo down there. The, probing and activity we're seeing on exterior perimeters just seeing folks moving in on foot. Just based on that's where they were last weekend. Making it tougher to go this weekend and might start having to manage tow public order events. Not unexpected. We'll react along the way. Enforcement might uptick as the day goes on.

SR: number of vehicles at CP10 has doubled? Approximate count?

GC: will get back to you. People have doubled at CP10 for sure. It's basically whose content to stay there. Will get a better count.

TD: Next big meeting 1600.

LB: quick update from Lethbridge. Currently protest going around the city being cooperative. Receiving sporadic reports of people wanting to disrupt the hotels. Fairly lean resource wise but will assist if needed.

SK: 1600 next meeting

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SK – Good afternoon. Busy afternoons. Thanks joining. Kevin what's happening onsite at border

KK - Just now completed 4pm bronze/silver/gold and change in command. Gord staying to help us. Leanne deputy silver. Kelly have been making notes here's highlights.

Critical incident program. STO heading in for night. No STO resources tonight. 31 Gen duty will be at CP10. Numbers about 400 there. That's our hotspot for tonight. In meeting **Person A** (?last name) sent a message saying had meeting with MLA can't confirm maybe DEOC can. Optimistic that province moving in favourable direction. Encouraging people to go north. One sign positive had fuel tanker waiting and he has since gone north. Stay tuned on that info.

In terms of media. Roberta did some on phone interviews, in person. Media losing interest in Coutts. Likely result of other protests going on. At initial site still parked off to side but 3 lanes thick. Number meeting in smugglers lounge but unsure what discussing.

CCMG met about 130pm with **Personal Info.** – on camera saying it) **Person B** feeling external pressure to get things cleaned up. Don't know gauge results except to see movement from **Person C**. CP10 area calmed. Maybe new check point at 14 but didn't have to execute. Looked at opening Del Bonita. Don't need. Seems trucks trickling through. US partners want to see complete blockage for couple hours before consider opening.

Couple side things – hells angel supporter. He may have crossed border so will arrest him. Currently at smugglers so later strategic arrest.

Temp change happening. Initially went with peaceful protest. Local communities now concerned with how long going on. Especially from **Personal Info.** Folks upset that it carried on this long. May shift into position with counter protests or worse into counter actions.

Other thing changing with influx of people at CP10. Public order. Zero tolerance. So if arrest needs to be made it will be made. Fellow earlier driving down wrong side highway will be charged. If impaired driving, racing, quads, in danger, directed to act immediately as an expectation. Hopefully will quell. Members walking up and down, looking for open liquor. Giving tickets. Discouraging that. Cessna plane flying into area. Looking at charges with Transport Canada.

Personal Info. Green light given to arrest him. Working with Calgary. Looking at it with Special O. Green light. Support charges. Defensive ask. Other charges and conditions. He should not have been here. Arrestable on that as well. Green light to arrest and put in resources to prevent him coming down. Those will be actioned.

Intelligence covered. Think covered off all updates for silver. Where we are headed – Watching temp changes. Keep eye on unruly people. Keep eye on **Person D** and see if he moves some truckers and take it from there. I will say optimistic not see blockages. Will look to apply overt investigative action if necessary. Any questions.

Sarah – sir did you miss first few mins of meeting. Go ahead.

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Trevor – No ok. We were here just didn't have camera on. Couple things. Reported 3 hour wait time at 10 so has that been reduced?

KK- That's our last update. Fairly big. Check point 14 they report come down to significant trickle. Can see 3 trucks deep. So they are coming through again.

TD – Said CP10 last time doubled. Do we have idea of numbers?

KK - Did have our plane fly over. 400plus vehicles and people both sides highway. 3-4km in length. Significant.

TD- With respect to **Personal Info.** Intel - message he will be in Okotoks for Freedom Rally 2. Supposed to speak there. Most recent intel we have. Something to look at for tomorrow.

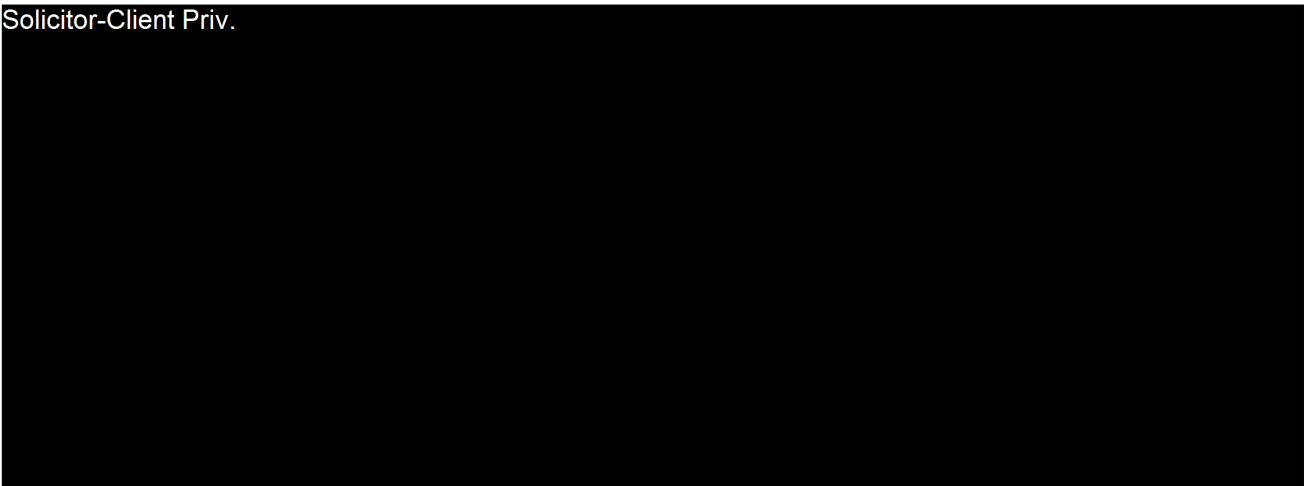
KK- That's good. Will pass on to CPS and investigative team.

IS – Quick summary to talk little about activities in other spots. Collision in Brooks. Investigated for distracted drive. Was a big mess. All cleaned up. 6 potentially sitting on highway. Sit rep for Fort Macleod. Suspect that was meeting point for kick off. Participation down. Small issues put damper on. At peak 200-300 vehicles at Brooks. It blocked highway because emergency personnel on site. They didn't make it to bigger rally.

SK – Quite bit traffic from Leduc to Edmonton. No issues. Peaceful. Lots people on 109 St. Few at Legislature b/c blocked off. Some people trickling back out to Leduc. EAD/WAD couple. All done. No issues.

SK- Over to Steve/Barry – anything to add?

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SK – Nina anything?

NS – Working on safety messaging. That's it.

SK- Anyone else?

KK – Reports of another plane flying over so just tasked out.

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SK- What time meeting tomorrow? Peter as gold tomorrow.

PT – Is there a time we prefer? Because of timing with troupes on ground?

KK- GSB at 8 so after that please.

PT – 0900 then. I will be gold tomorrow. I have been following intel. Divisional silver for other protests. Did that happen?

TD- We will talk after. Yes, Sarah taking on. Otherwise I think Kevin you have silver briefing at 7am? You me peter hook up after that. Everyone thanks for all your work. Tough and complicated. Great job. Thanks

SK- Everybody good night.

End mg/1718